

TEXAS

UNDER MANY FLAGS

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has become a widely known expert on all matters relating to taxes and income on all properties, and he has been called in as an expert by many oil corporations, particularly in handling matters relating to income taxes as affected by depletions. His wide experience and his eminent ability have naturally made him a leader in his profession so that his earnings from his professional work compare favorably with those of the leaders in professions like the law and medicine.

R. E. EWING is a native Texan, member of a pioneer family in the northern part of the state, and has followed for his active career the business of contractor and builder. During the past ten years he has done much of the important building work in the Harlingen community of Cameron County.

Mr. Ewing was born at Cleburne, Texas, son of Mark L. and Lenora (Stringer) Ewing, and grandson of William Ewing. His father was a native of Mississippi and was a boy when he moved with his parents to Johnson County, Texas, in 1866. He is still a resident of Cleburne and for many years has been one of the leading business men of that locality.

R. E. Ewing attended public schools at Cleburne and later one year at Lockney College. In 1902 he started in the building and contracting business there. He came to the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1918, locating at Harlingen. Some of the largest and most substantial business and industrial structures in Harlingen and adjacent sections of the valley have been put up through his business organization. He has also been active in civic affairs and is a charter member of the Harlingen Kiwanis Club.

CAM E. HILL. Many of the real pioneers of the Lower Rio Grande Valley are comparatively young men, and that is true of Cam E. Hill of Edinburg, who has been actively associated with this country for over fifteen years. He is county clerk of Hidalgo County, and a banker and merchant.

Mr. Hill was born near Temple, Bell County, Texas, July 24, 1888. He attended the common schools for only a few years, his restless energy prompting him to get into work before his normal share of schooling had been completed. While in school he did installation work for a telephone company. In 1904, when he was sixteen years of age, he was a passenger on the first passenger train that came to Brownsville over the Saint Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway, now a branch of the Missouri-Pacific Lines. During the two years he remained in Brownsville he worked in a drug store. For three years he was a drug clerk at Big Spring in West Texas, and then went with a wholesale druggist sundry house at Waco. At Waco he took the opportunity to improve his early educational opportunities by attending night school.

Mr. Hill in 1910 returned to Brownsville, just about the time this region awakened to its tremendous advantages. For a time he was associated with John E. Rutledge in the oldest clothing house in the valley, was in the drug business at San Benito, and then again with the Rutledge store at Brownsville.

Mr. Hill during the World war attended the Officers Training School of Camp Stanley at Leon Springs, Texas, was commissioned a first

lieutenant and later promoted to captain. Captain Hill after his army career engaged in the clothing business at McAllen as a member of the firm January & Hill. While in that business he was elected county clerk of Hidalgo County and is still serving in that office, with headquarters in the courthouse at Edinburg. Early in 1927 he opened the Cahil Pharmacy in the new building just completed as the home of the State Bank & Trust Company of Edinburg. Captain Hill is a director of that bank. He also owns improved business and residence real estate at Edinburg and has a hundred acres of valley land. Captain Hill is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

QUINTUS ULTIMUS WATSON, of the law firm Garrison & Watson at Houston, corporation attorneys, is a native of Texas, and laid the foundation of his professional success at Giddings, where he practiced over twenty years.

He was born in Washington County, Texas, July 2, 1874, son of A. B. and Ann (Gay) Watson. His mother was a descendant of Thomas Gay, who joined the Austin Colony at a very early period in the settlement of Texas by Americans. A. B. Watson came to Texas in 1854. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil war and spent his active career as a merchant.

Quintus Ultimus Watson had a public school education, attended the Texas A. and M. College, and after reading law privately was admitted to the bar in 1893. He then engaged in practice at Giddings until 1915, in which year he removed to Houston, and has become one of the leading corporation attorneys. Since 1922 he has been associated with John T. Garrison in the firm of Garrison & Watson. Among other business they act as division counsel for the Southern Pacific Lines.

Mr. Watson was a member of the Texas State Senate from 1907 to 1915, until he removed to Houston. For a number of years he has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a brilliant public speaker. He is a member of the various bar associations, takes part in educational and civic movements, and is a Mason, an Elk and a member of the Houston Club. He married at Burton, Texas, in 1897, Miss Jessie Burton, daughter of T. A. Burton and granddaughter of the Burton who founded the town bearing his name.

WILMER SPERRY HUNT was born and reared in Mississippi, but took his law degree in Texas and since 1894 has been one of the leading attorneys of the Houston bar.

He was born at Ripley, Mississippi, March 26, 1870. He grew up in that community, finished his education there in the Ripley Male Academy, and subsequently came to Texas, attending the State University. He graduated LL. B. from the law school, and while at the university became a Kappa Sigma. Mr. Hunt has practiced law at Houston over thirty years, and for a number of years his work has been largely in the field of corporation law. He is now senior member of the firm Hunt & Teagle, with offices in the Union National Bank Building.

Mr. Hunt in 1913 was honored with election as president of the Harris County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Texas and American Bar Associations. He is a trustee of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, a member